

## WEEKLY TEAM SUMMARY REPORT

**TEAM:** Economic Development and Energy Efficiency

**MEETING:** June 25, 2009

**ATTENDEES:** Bruce Traughber, Co-Chairman Mike O'Brien

Rebecca Fleischer Artie Robertson Joe Kremer George Siemens Christina Shadle Cynthia Lee Michelle Stites **David Morris** Cecil Goins Bill Schreck Ellie Shipley **Betty Younis** Susan Hamilton Cass Harris Craig Buthod Mark Isaacs Edgardo Mansilla Ethan Howard Charles Foree Rebecca Matheny Stephen Ott Chris Ashburner

## **Broadband Update**

- U of L, Nucleus/Metro will do a joint application for public broadband on Main Street
- U of L working with community groups to include them in our application
- Federal guidelines for the grants are not yet released

Susan Neumayer

• Beth Niblock & Bruce Traughber appointed to state's broadband advisory committee

## Two EPA grants submitted

- National Clean Grant
- SmartWay Diesel Grant

No official awards yet; we have hope for revolving loan fund for non-road vehicles

Green jobs boot camp help in Boston (sponsored by Living Cities) update: George Siemens and Bruce Traughber attended as well as many others from various cities including Chicago, San Francisco, New York, Detroit, Boston.

Discussion of EECBG Allocation of \$7 million formula grant

- 2800 entities eligible; 21 reviewers anticipate approval in September or October upon approval, eligible to draw up to 50% of grant priority on job creation
- Verification of outcomes critical to the stimulus grants challenging reporting requirements must track and monitor KW hours saved, etc.
- Letter will be sent to companies responding their requests once the final list of projects are identified

## Summarized task force recommendations:

- \$1.4 million revolving loan fund (limited to 20% of total allocation) green job technologies/green business priority to increase energy efficiency and create new jobs
- 1.4 million loan guarantee to non-profits
  - Pedro Bryant, Louisville Community Development Bank, offered possibility of \$10 million loan pool for loans at below market or below prime interest rates
    - **\*** Two tier approach:
      - 1) advisory group to recommend
      - 2) bank review
- \$250,000 energy audits for non-profits costs estimated between 15 and 25 cents per sq. ft.
- \$1 million street lights improving energy efficiency
  - o \$800,000 estimated for arena district
  - o \$200,000 estimated for solar powered lighting bus stops, parks, etc.
- \$1 million traffic light synchronization this will help towards funding the computer system to manage the traffic light system from a central location rather than on each individual pole
- \$500,000 U of L Conn Center battery/renewable energy research; initial staffing will be paid with these funds for 2-3 years
- \$1.5 million retrofit Metro buildings
  - Discussion of solar/wind/green roof technologies demonstration on wind energies possibly add wind technologies

Local vendor preference discussed – Louisville Metro procurement provides for local vendor preference for locations in Louisville/Jefferson County

Presentation made on Legacy Lofts and Birchwood Terrace – Mark Isaacs

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